Wednesday afternoon saw Nowra Anglican College host the visiting boys from Kangaroo Valley rugby nursery ‘Glengarry’ in a much anticipated match. From the kick-off Scots gained the ascendancy with some structured and robust forward play. The first scrum of the match saw a tight head to the boys in blue and gold – the front row of Yencken, Banks and Grant set the tone early in the set pieces and never relinquished their early dominance throughout the match.

After some early nerves, the Scots halves pairing of Gulliver and Shannon began to provide direction and space for those outside. In the 10th minute outstanding ‘utility’ back Lawrance crashed over in the corner after some impressive leadup work from centre pairing Redman & Finlayson and elusive fullback Chadwick. The conversion from Shannon shaving the outside of the post for a 5-0 Scots lead.

Off the ensuing kick-off Scots attempted to attack from their own half but a spilled ball led to an opportunistic Nowra try and a surprise 7-5 lead. This stung the Scots boys into action; influential skipper Ridley was everywhere in attack and defence, Powell was a towering presence in the lineout pilfering opposition ball and Green straightened proceedings with some good ol’ fashioned hard running. With half-time approaching, tough talismanic number 8 Tim Creer produced a barn-storming run to score under the posts before succumbing to injury. 12-7 to Scots at the break.

The second half saw Scots continue where they left off. Sustained pressure and multiple phase play ultimately went unrewarded however with a lack of patience and ill discipline causing grief for coaches Cotsios, Baker and Crawford on the touchline as well as travelling parents from the Harry and Chadwick clans. Enter emerging Northern Beaches rugby star Nick Redman who waltzed over for the easiest of tries after solid groundwork provided by rugged forwards Grant and Harry. At 17-7 Scots looked to be cruising but as is customary in Southern Highlands clashes against Scots, a string of chunkier and hairier opponents soon entered the fray. Another opportunistic try to Nowra had the small but vocal crowd on edge with Scots ahead 17-14. Much of the play was directed down the wing of ‘super sub’ Jonty White who shook off the disappointment of starting on the bench after a run-in with the Glengarry judiciary a week earlier. White, like Hammond before him and Campbell beside him, was impenetrable in defence in the dying stages thereby ensuring a memorable Scots victory.